

JOSEPH RICHARDSON HOUSE  
Bellevue and Maple Avenues  
Langhorne  
Bucks County  
Pennsylvania

HABS NO. PA-5488

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## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Langhorne
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) JOSEPH RICHARDSON HOUSE		HABS NO. PA-5488
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Langhorne Community Memorial Association building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) corner of West Maple Avenue and South Bellevue Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1738 (date stone)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is one of the earliest, documented historic structures in the county; and also served as one of the earliest documented stores. It represents the home and business of a wealthy entrepreneur from the first half of the 18th century, Joseph Richardson		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) plastered fieldstone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Slightly rectangular main block with a squared kitchen wing, recessed at the south elevation		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE pent eaves in gable ends, 1-1/2 story gambrel roof kitchen wing contemporary with the main block		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) earliest documented finish woodwork and paneling, corner fireplaces; kitchen with cook fireplace and boxed winder stairway		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Wide stairway added in west chamber ca. 1840. First floor interior of the main house was remodeled in the mid-19th century when the enclosed stairway and the partitions between the north parlor and the shop were removed, as well as a corner fireplace- now standard, with a Greek Revival mantle.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Community Memorial Building, in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The south, five bay facade is considered the tradition front and the commercial side, while the north, three bay facade is considered the family entry. Richardson family residence from 1738 through the early 20th century.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Comm., Historic resource survey form; prepared by Jeffrey Marshall & Kathryn Auerbach, 7/85		
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